

Chapter 17. Animal Control

§ 17-1. Purpose and authority.

- A. The purpose of this chapter is to require that all animals in the Town of Cumberland be kept under control of their owner/keeper at all times so they will not injure persons or other animals, damage property, or create a public health threat or nuisance. "Under control," as defined below, means that the animal's proper and safe activity is directed by the owner/keeper. Control is achieved by proper use of a leash or voice control.
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- B. This chapter is enacted pursuant to the authority in 30-A M.R.S.A. §§ 2101 and 3001, and the purpose of this chapter is to provide regulations in addition to those contained in Title 7 of the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated with respect to controlling companion animals throughout the Town of Cumberland in the interest of the health, safety and general welfare of its residents.

§ 17-2. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

ANIMAL

Every living, sentient creature not a human being.
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AT LARGE/STRAY

Off the premises of the owner and not under the control of any person whose personal presence and attention would reasonably control the conduct of the companion animal. "Premises" includes residences, including land and buildings, and motor vehicles belonging to the owner or keeper of the companion animal.

COMPANION ANIMAL

A cat or a dog.

CONTROL

The power or ability to direct the proper and safe activity of an animal.^[1]